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Mr. Don A. Ostler, P.E.
Executive Secretary
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Dear Mr. Ostler:

Subject: Dump Leach Area No. 3

In light of the approaching June 15, 1991 Conditional Approval expiration and Barrick's request for extension, and as requested verbally in our meeting on May 23, 1991, Barrick submits the following status report on the items presented on page 3 of the Bureau's April 22, 1991 correspondence. Barrick believes it is in substantial compliance with the issues raised in that correspondence and that an extension to the June 15, 1991 deadline is appropriate and in our mutual best interests.

Specifically:

BWPC Item 1

"Resolution of outstanding issues on the Joint and Fracture Characterization Study"

Barrick is in receipt of the Bureau's correspondence dated April 18, 1991, which discusses in part the Joint and Fracture Characterization Study. It is our understanding that the study is approved pending only resolution of a conjugate joint set relationship during the development of the groundwater model. This issue will be resolved prior to any 3-D modeling

BWPC Item 2

"Satisfactory resolution of all outstanding issues regarding the Dump 3 Flow Balance and Head Control Plan and satisfactory implementation of said monitoring"

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Barrick transmitted on May 1, 1991 our response to the Bureau's April 18, 1991 Notice of Noncompliance pertaining to the Dump Leach 3 Water Balance and Head Control Plan. All aspects of the Plan as submitted are being implemented.

BWPC Item 3

"Satisfactory progress and compliance with the April 4, 1991 schedule for groundwater modeling"

The referenced April 4, 1991 schedule was prepared for Barrick by Dames & Moore to provide a template by which progress towards timely completion of the groundwater modeling effort could be measured. We are in substantial compliance with the Dames & Moore schedule, considering the strictness of the schedule. Discussions with Bureau staff have been held, and submittal of the input parameters for the 2-D model was made on May 17, 1991. We are currently awaiting the Bureau's response before performing the 2-D modeling and presenting a draft report to the Bureau. At this time, Barrick believes the modeling to be proceeding in a timely manner.

BWPC Item 4

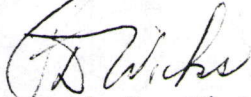
"Satisfactory resolution of the presence of fluid in the upper leak detection system of Dump Leach No. 3"

Barrick has submitted to the Bureau, by letter dated May 1, 1991, our response to your letter dated April 26, 1991 pertaining to the Dump Leach Area No. 3 leakage collection system. As indicated, we generally concurred with the Bureau's suggested permit language modifications with some slight alterations. We fully intend to continue monitoring the situation until its anticipated conclusion. This program is consistent with Barrick's commitment to work productively with the Bureau to resolve such issues.

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Your timely review and response to this correspondence would be most beneficial. Please contact me or Glenn M. Eurick of my staff at any time to discuss resolution of these matters.

Sincerely,



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